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half submerged, bow foremost, with her swiftly revolving screws whirling clear of the water and high in the air. Those on deck were plunged immediately into the water. The men forward and below had no time to rush to the deck, but found themselves groping for the doors of the rooms, filled with water and compressed air. There was little more time for those in the officers' quarters. They heard the shouts and warning cries and rushed to the almost perpendicular deck. Commander Jellicoe, lying in his berth sick with fever, started up, and dashed out, to find himself immediately struggling in the water. A lieutenant swam to him, put his arm around him, and, despite the handicap of supporting a helpless man, was able to get away from the sinking ship. It took a strong, skillful swimmer, in full possession of his senses, to do this. The huge hull was drawing in water as it went down, and several hundred men, hurled suddenly into the water fully dressed had to battle against the increasing suction.

A moment more and a new peril, more horrible, descended upon them. The great engines, deep in the heart of the hull and enclosed in water-tight compartments, were still throbbing at full speed, and the great steel flanges of the twin screws were whirling up in the air. As the vessel sank these screws came nearer and nearer to the water and descended into the midst of the struggling human beings. The vessel sank slowly, and when the screws were low enough to begin to whirl in the water, again the suction had increased, until there was a deepening vortex, like a maelstrom. At the bottom of this maelstrom the screws were revolving like circular knives. The poor creatures battled in vain against the suction. They were drawn down, and thrown against the swift blades. Then came a scene which made the officers on the decks of the other war ships of the fleet turn away, sick with horror. Screams and shrieks arose, and in the white foam appeared reddened arms and legs and wrenched and torn bodies. Headless trunks were tossed out of the vortex to linger a moment on the surface and sink out of sight.

All within reach of that vortex lost their presence of mind. Men who knew how to swim ceased swimming and fought with the waters. Men clutched each other in frenzy and struck each other off. The deep cone of whirling water, with the swift knives chopping human bodies at the bottom of it, was a horror to daunt the bravest. One man who escaped says that he saw in this great vortex at least fifty of his fellows fighting with each other and with inevitable death. In a moment or so the knives disappeared and the vortex began to close up, the ship was beneath the surface.

Then there was a muffled sound of thunder, the waters were tossed up and steam burst from them. Again shrieks and screams burst from the swimmers. The boilers had exploded, the sea rushed into the furnaces and the swimmers were beating waves of scalding water. Thus, in less than three minutes, death in three awful forms attacked the officers and crew of the Victoria—death by drowning, death by the knife-like screws and death by scalding water.

With the first under-plunge of the Victoria all the boats were called away from the other ships and came straining over the calm sea to save the strugglers. These boats were soon picking up those fortunate ones who had got out of the terrible vortex. So long as the vortex was there the boats dared not venture near, but they did lift from the scalding water several wretched sailors, who were seriously burned. It is thought that more than half of those drowned got out of the ship, but were drowned in the vortex or scalded to death by boiling water.

Admiral Tryon stuck on the bridge and refused to leave it. Just before the Victoria made her under-plunge he saw what was about to happen and issued an order for each man to save himself, but the order never got beyond the bridge, for ruin descended straightway. The diver whom he had ordered below to look into the damage was still on deck and dressed for his descent, except for his helmet. He would have been dragged to the bottom by his heavy lead-soled shoes, had it not been for a seaman who stopped to cut him loose from his heavy clothes. The diver was saved, but the man who cut him free was drowned.

There were many acts of heroism, self-forgetfulness and daring. The peril of those in the water was increased by the fact that the sea hereabouts is infested with sharks. It is the duty of marines, when a collision occurs, to immediately go below and close all the water-tight compartments. When the Camperdown struck, and as a result, out of 120 marines on the Victoria 99 were lost.

COMMENT ON HAWAII.

Extracts From the "New York Sun" on Hawaiian Matters.

First, the Provisional Government established by the revolution which dethroned Liliuokalani has lasted for five months. Instead of going to pieces as soon as the American flag was lowered by Mr. Blount's orders, and the United States marines were withdrawn from the shore, it has grown stronger in power and firmer in recognized authority. It can be overturned only in one way; and that is through direct or indirect interference by Minister Blount, he acting in accordance with a deliberate resolution on the part of Mr. Cleveland's administration to crush out republican government in these islands, and to restore the ridiculous monarchy of which Hawaii is now rid.

The second plain fact is the strength, sincerity and extent of the annexation sentiment in the islands themselves. This was sufficiently potent at the out-

set to accomplish the January revolution. Since then, according to all trustworthy accounts, it has steadily increased among both the native and foreign-born population. There is only one persistent witness to the contrary, and he went out to Hawaii for the express purpose of testifying just to that effect and to no other.—N. Y. Sun.

Public Sentiment About Hawaii.

One important point to remember in dealing with the Hawaiian problem is the attitude of the people of the United States toward it. We think it fair to say that if Mr. Cleveland should announce that careful investigations had shown that Hawaii can and ought to be admitted into the Union, general satisfaction would be felt. On the other hand, should the opposite conclusion be announced, the general feeling would be that an opportunity had been lost, and that a matter which might have been settled once for all had been relegated to doubt and dispute, perhaps to become hereafter the source of a costly war.

The strong support which the Pacific States gave at once to Hawaii's plea for admission is well remembered; but quite as remarkable were the favorable resolutions of public bodies on the Atlantic coast that were less directly concerned in it. A good specimen of these was the memorial of the Massachusetts Legislature, read at the extra session of the Senate in the Fifty-third Congress.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Court that it is expedient that the Hawaiian Islands should be annexed to the United States, and that the interests of the United States, commercially and strategically, will be promoted thereby.

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the presiding officers of both branches of Congress, and also to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this Commonwealth.

Absolute unanimity of sentiment cannot be expected on any question like this. There was widespread and violent opposition to Jefferson's purchase of Louisiana, and to the annexations of the Floridas, Texas, and Alaska. But who would undo any of them to-day? When Hawaii comes into the Union, the popular feeling will be overwhelmingly that of acquiescence, congratulation and patriotic pride.—New York Sun.

Additional Commentary.

Judge Cowley has brought himself to bear on the Hawaiian question. There is such a thing as having too much of lawyers. They have a tendency to become stupidly technical. Judge Cowley is first troubled about the Constitution. If we had had a mere lawyer for President, instead of Thomas Jefferson, he would have found the Louisiana purchase illegal and impracticable. Judge Cowley does not think well of the Provisional Government of Hawaii, and says it has not the consent of the people. Who are the people—the Chinese and Japs or the natives? Why do not the people say or do something? The opportunity was provided for the annexation of the Islands to the United States, and it has been the policy of the Administration to Mungump it away.—Brooklyn Standard-Union.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii is willing to sell her kingdom. Is not this like the case where one offered to give all the kingdoms of the world to another if that other would let him down and worship him? Selling what one doesn't own and giving away what does not belong to one are somewhat similar operations.—Louisville Commercial.

Only a few months remain before the anniversary of the overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani will be at hand, and yet what has been done? It is difficult to decide which is the more unsettled, the policy of our Government or the hopes of the Hawaiians. So far the people of America, as well as those of the Islands, fail to see exactly what Mr. Blount has accomplished. There is nothing definite about any recommendations, and no one appears to know where he stands or what he thinks. Sympathy is aroused also for Hawaii in the fact that this indecision is making times very dull, and both business and social affairs are unsettled. If trade is quiet in America, it is nearly stagnant in that Pacific realm.

Unless something is done soon, we can look for even more startling news from that ambitious but unfortunate country.—Portland Telegram.

The Provisional Government of Hawaii has played quite a strong card in making public the text of a document signed on January 31, by the deposed Queen Liliuokalani empowering Paul Neumann as her agent to treat with the United States for official or pecuniary consideration for her claims upon the throne. By official consideration is supposed to be meant aid in restoring her to power, and if that could not be had she offered for pecuniary consideration to yield her claim. The royalists and Mr. Nordhoff must look up in the offer to sell out as a bad give-away. The Queen says that she yielded her authority to the Provisional Government under protest, but there is now here in the document a hint that Minister Stevens did it, as Nordhoff repeatedly asserts.—Portland (Me.) Advertiser.

But for the misfortune of last November, Hawaii would have been United States territory by this time. As matters stand no one knows what may be its fate until Emperor Cleveland chooses to disclose his sovereign intentions. He might have profited by one Jeffersonian maxim, to "take things by the smooth handle," but his inherent contrariness led him to take the rough one, and make hard work of an easy job. Our Hawaiian friends must wait patiently in the trust that the Americanism of our people will yet overcome Clevelandism.—S. F. Bulletin.

A decision could have been reached a month ago as well as now, but the policy of Cleveland is procrastination, and he has not made an exception in favor of Hawaii. If he continues to let annexation severely alone, as he has ignored silver and the tariff, he may be sure that the commercial prosperity of the Islands will be only a memory long before he is ready to decide whether this country can afford to take the gift offered by the Hawaiians.—S. F. Chronicle.

Instead of Blount's invitation to restore the Queen being accepted, the Provisional Government has displayed a vigor disheartening to the enemies of Hawaiian liberty in Washington and Honolulu, and it really seems now that Cleveland and Blount are trying to "hedge" on their unpatriotic course. Whatever their plans may be, the American people will hold the pusillanimous President and his ex-Confederate representative responsible for any calamity that may be brought upon the Hawaiian Islands through the abandonment of the treaty of annexation negotiated through President Harrison. The people are not to be deceived by any eleventh-hour repentance, real or pretended, of the policy that was fittingly initiated by the hauling down of the American flag at Honolulu.—New York Press.

If Minister Blount recommends a protectorate for Hawaii the islanders may understand that the new form of government will be only temporary. A protectorate would be declared for but one reason—in order that our influence in the islands would not wane while the sentiment for full annexation was being developed. Minister Blount has already exercised his power over the Provisional Government in the Nordhoff matter, and now it seems certain that this Government will continue to control the little nation. One of these days, when everybody on the island has learned how good it is to be under the American flag, this country will come into absolute ownership of the Sandwich Islands.—Kansas City Times.

A cable from the Californian coast to Hawaii is an absolute commercial necessity, and the laying of one has long been agitated. The present unsettled political affairs on the Islands and the growing importance of the trade of the Pacific Islands have given an immense impetus to the project. The report of the cable survey by the Hydrographic Office, just made, is therefore of unusual interest. This report recommends Monterey and Honolulu as the terminus of the line, as requiring the minimum length of cable and affording the best bottom. The total length would be 2107 miles, and the cost of making and laying the cable would be about \$1200 a mile, a total of \$2528,500. A company to do this work would require not less than \$5,000,000 paid up capital. That the prospective business would justify such an outlay there is no doubt, and sooner or later the line will be built.

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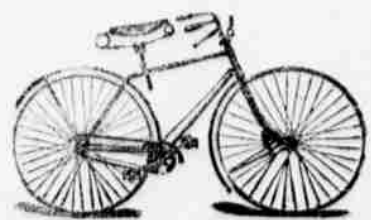
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